

## Message Text

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R 222150Z APR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7133  
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA  
AMEMBASSY MEXICO  
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AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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MEXICO FOR FISHERIES ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIS, PFOR, CS  
SUBJECT: IMPORTATION OF YELLOWFIN TUNA

REF: STATE 49988 AND 82539

1. EMBASSY INFORMED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES OF THE MINIST  
L OF  
AGRICULTURE OF U.S. REGULATIONS REGARDING THE TAKING OF  
MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO FISHING FOR YELLOWFIN TUNA  
BY MEANS OF A DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF MARCH 21, 1977. NO  
REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE BUT EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED  
THE MATTER WITH ING. EDUARDO BRAVO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
FISHERY RESOURCES AND FORESTRY.

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2. BRAVO STATES THAT COSTA RICA IS OPERATING ONLY ONE  
TUNA BOAT AT THIS TIME AND HAS NO EXPORTS OF TUNA  
TO THE U.S. HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF TUNA BOATS ARE  
UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE U.S. AND ARE EXPECTED TO  
BE DELIVERED WITHIN 30 DAYS. WHEN THOSE BOATS ARE  
PUT INTO SERVICE THE QUESTION WILL ARISE AS TO WHETHER  
ANY OF THE TUNA CATCH WILL BE SHIPPED TO THE U.S.

3. BRAVO HAS BROUGHT THE U.S. REGULATIONS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COSTA RICAN FISHING COOPERATIVE AND EXPECTS TO CONSULT WITH THE FISHING BOAT OPERATORS AS TO WHETHER THEY WILL EXPORT TUNA TO THE U.S. OR ATTEMPT TO SELL THEIR TUNA IN OTHER MARKETS SUCH AS EUROPE AND JAPAN. BRAVO ANTICIPATES THAT DECISION WILL BE TO SHIP AT LEAST SOME OF THE TUNA TO THE U.S. MARKET, IN WHICH CASE COSTA RICA WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE U.S. REGULATIONS.

4. THE EMBASSY EXPECTS TO RECEIVE A REPLY FROM THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT AFTER THE DECISIONS DISCUSSED ABOVE ARE MADE. THE EMBASSY WILL INFORM THE DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY.  
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